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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE UNITED NATIONS/ ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) CONFERENCE ON SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM OPENED THIS MORNING WITH THE ELECTION OF THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN AS THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AND A SPEECH OF WELCOME BY THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. THE CONFERENCE WILL HEAR OTHER ADDRESSES BY VIPS TODAY AND WILL PASS ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE BEFORE ADJOURNING FOR THE DAY. US CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS OF MICHIGAN TOOK HIS SEAT AT THE CONFERENCE AS AN EXPERT INVITED IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY. END SUMMARY.

1. NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DAGFINN VAARVIK WELCOMED THE NO ARTILLERY OR ARMOR.)

AROUND 20 SAUDI AIR

FORCE LIGHTINGS AT KHAMIS MUSHAYT ALONG WITH CONSIDERABLE OTHER MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT AS SAUDI ATTENTION FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON POSSIBLE THREAT FROM PDRY IN WAKE OF LATTER'S AIR ATTACK ON WUDIA MARCH 22. SAUDI F-5'S NOT YET ARMED AND READY FOR COMBAT.

4. THUS WE SUSPECT SAUDI REACTION TO UNFOLDING SITUATION WILL BE ONE OF CONSIDERABLE CAUTION. IN GENERAL THEY HAVE TENDED FEEL KUWAITIS HAVE HANDLED THEIR RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS POORLY. SAUDIS MIGHT SUGGEST, IF KUWAIT PRESSES FOR THEIR HELP, RESORT TO ARAB LEAGUE. MOREOVER, SAUDIS WOULD NOT BE AT ALL COMFORTABLE IN SITUATION WHERE THEY FIND THEMSELVES WITH JORDAN AND IRAN AS KUWAITIS' PROTECTORS. SAG MIGHT SUGGEST KUWAITIS SEEK AT LEAST STRONG MORAL SUPPORT FROM EGYPT OR EVEN LIBYA, SYRIA, SUDAN, ETC., IN EFFORT ISOLATE IRAQ POLITICALLY AS WAS DONE IN 1961. THIS IS NOT TO SAY SAUDIS WOULD DO NOTHING IF APPEALED TO STRONGLY BY KUWAIT. THACHER UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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